

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 42-77 are pending in the application, with claims 42-44, 47, and 77 being the independent claims. Claims 73-76 have been previously withdrawn from consideration. By the foregoing amendment, claims 42-44 and 46-47, and 53 are currently amended, and claim 41 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

The Office Action indicates that claim 41 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent number 6,018,553 to Sanielevici (hereinafter "Sanielevici"). Further, the Office Action indicates that claim 46 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sanielevici. Claims 42-45 and 47-72 are indicated to be allowable over the cited art if rewritten in independent form. Claim 77 is allowed.

Claims 42-44 and 47 have been re-written in independent form to include the features of claim 41. Claim 41 has been canceled. Independent claims 42, 43, 44 and 47 have been further amended to delete the word "balanced," to more distinctly claim the invention. Accordingly, independent claims 42-44 and 47 and their respective dependent claims are allowable over the cited art. Claim 46 has been amended to depend from

claim 42. Therefore, Applicants request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 be removed and that these claims be passed to allowance.

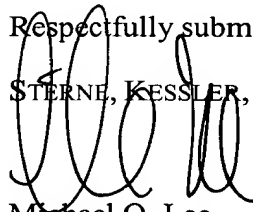
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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